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UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:


In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98, Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner, the references cited in the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/833,833, which was filed April 12, 2001. Applicants provide herewith copies of the references cited in U.S. Serial No. 09/833,833, for the convenience of the Examiner.

In addition, Applicants would like to also bring to the attention of the Examiner U.S. Patent Nos. 6,265,018 and 6,254,808. U.S. Patent No. 6,265,018 was cited during prosecution of the parent application. U.S. Patent No. 6,254,808 issued from U.S. Serial No. 09/321,050, which was incorporated by reference in U.S. Patent No. 6,625,018.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statements.

Respectfully submitted,



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